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In re Patent Application of)
Isabelle JOUVE et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING P-)
HYDROXYMANDELIC COMPOUNDS)
OPTIONALLY SUBSTITUTED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

Kindly cancel claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer and insert claim 27, in lieu thereof:

Claim 2, line 1, change "1" to --27-- and change "characterised in that" to
--wherein--;
line 15, delete "preferably a fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom,".